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South Bend Weed & Seed Alliance to Present Children's Activity Book Awards

The South Bend Weed & Seed Alliance, Inc. (SBWSA) in conjunction with the Community Policing Committee (COP) will reward students and teachers for participating in their second in a series of Activity Book design contests. The ceremony will begin at 1 pm, Friday June 1, 2007, at Holy Family School with SBWSA board members and community leaders joining in the festivities. Students will have their winning designs printed in the activity book, and will be presented with ribbons and certificates of appreciation for participation. Teachers of the winning classrooms will also receive a plaque for their efforts. In addition to pizza and plaques, all winning classes will be recognized at the bottom of each page in the book. Students and teachers alike will receive the first copies of the book with a total distribution of 3000 copies.

The Community Policing Committee of SBWSA, led by co-chairs Lt. Richard Powers, SBPD and Cindy DeLeon, organized the contest, choosing "*A Super Hero*" as the theme for this year's Activity Book. Children in grades 2-7 who attend school or church and reside in the Weed & Seed area, were asked to design a page for the book as a class project. More than 500 students participated in the project.

Each class of students focused on different ways in which a “super hero” can help kids do positive things in their neighborhoods. The result was a 28 page book with various activities to help kids to learn, such as mazes, word scrambles and coloring.

The cover of the book was designed by Luis Salinas, a student in Ms. Hamilton’s art class at Washington High School. Luis transformed the Community Policing Committee mascot, Weedy-N-Seedy the Centipede into a super hero for the project, and he will receive special recognition for his efforts.

“After the first activity book contest, we recognized we had something special as the kids thoughtfully and enthusiastically participated, stated Mark Dollinger, coordinator for SBWSA. “It made the students stop and think about how they can serve their community in a positive manner and make the Weed & Seed area a better place.” The first Activity Book contest took place in April 2005, and included more than 300 participants, producing a 24 page book.

Four award ceremonies have been scheduled to take place at the participating schools, Navarre Intermediate Center, St. Adalbert School, and Harrison Primary Center, culminating at Holy Family School on June 1. Residents can order a copy of the book by calling the Weed & Seed office at 235-7619.

Weed & Seed is a federally funded strategy that seeks to “weed” out the negative influences in the neighborhood and “seed” in the positives. The W&S area is bounded by Arnold St. on the east, Sheridan St. on the west, Sample St. on the south and the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks to the north.

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SOUTH BEND WEED & SEED ALLIANCE, INC.
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING COMMITTEE

presents

Neighborhood Safe Activities & Coloring Book Contest
A School Classroom Project II

Selected Activity Book Designs

2nd Grade - Emergency Numbers Hero

<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Angie Richardson
<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Charlene Weber
<i>Harrison Primary Center</i>	Teacher: Ms. Michelle Vollrath
<i>St. Adalbert Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Mr. John Uridil

3rd Grade - Safety Hero

<i>St. Adalbert Parochial School.</i>	Teacher: Ms. Carol Bilinski
<i>Harrison Primary Center</i>	Teacher: Mr. Dennis Rheinheimer
<i>St. Adalbert Parochial School.</i>	Teacher: Ms. Carol Bilinski
<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Jessica Dankert

4th Grade - Good vs. Bad Neighbors Hero

<i>St. Adalbert Parochial School.</i>	Teacher: Mr. Doug Clark
<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Judy King
<i>Harrison Primary Center</i>	Teacher: Ms. Sally Eggleston
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5th Grade - Map of Points of Interest Hero

<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Mary Dornbos
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<i>Navarre Intermediate Center</i>	Art Teacher: Ms. Deb Geist

6th Grade - Graffiti Clean-Up Hero

<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Donna Beasley
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<i>Holy Family Parochial School</i>	Teacher: Ms. Emily Huemmer

7th Grade - Anti School Bullying Hero

Navarre Intermediate Center Art Teacher: Ms. Patricia Fleming
Holy Family Parochial School Teacher: Sr. Clare Marie Klein
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